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LIBERTY COUNTY MAN CONVICTED FOR POSSESSING GUN A DAY AFTER DRUG CONVICTION

(Beaumont, TX) A 35-year-old Raywood man has been found guilty of federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas. A federal jury convicted **JOHN HENRY GUILLORY** late yesterday of unlawful possession of an unregistered, sawed-off shotgun and felon in possession of a firearm.

United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig was pleased with the verdict, "Even day-old convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms and will be prosecuted accordingly."

According to information presented in court, Guillory failed to appear for a court hearing in the 75th District Court in Liberty County on January 11, 2005. The Judge of that court issued a warrant for his arrest. Investigators with the Chambers/Liberty County Narcotics Task Force located Guillory at a relative's residence in Liberty County and he was arrested. As officers escorted Guillory into the residence to retrieve his shoes, they observed an illegal, sawed-off shotgun in plain view. Guillory had been convicted and placed on probation for felony possession of cocaine just the day before and was prohibited from possessing a firearm.

The guilty verdict was returned late yesterday afternoon after a two day trial before United States District Judge Ron Clark.

Guillory faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to

\$250,000 when sentenced. A sentencing date has not been set.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Chambers/Liberty County Narcotics Task Force, the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, and the Liberty County District Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall L. Fluke.

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